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LETTER DATED 7 OCTOBER 1992 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit, enclosed herewith, a letter from H.E. Mr. Milan Panić, Prime Minister of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, addressed to you.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dragomir DJOKIĆ
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Annex

Letter dated 7 October 1992 from the Prime Minister of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia addressed to the President of the Security Council

I would like, first of all, to express my satisfaction over the meeting and talks that I had with the Foreign Ministers of the five permanent members of the Security Council, in Your Excellency's presence as well, in New York during the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

This time, I wish to remind you that I singled out then, as a priority task of my Government, the utmost efforts to remove the causes for which Security Council sanctions were imposed on Yugoslavia. The Security Council has been informed in full detail about these efforts of my Government. It will continue to implement consistently the policy of peace based on the outlines I had given in New York.

At this moment, with winter approaching, it is essential for citizens of my country that the Security Council positively responds to the request from the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to approve the import of heating oil. It would be a terrible tragedy for the elderly, sick and children if it were impossible to ensure the heating of hospitals, schools and other similar institutions. As you are aware, the import will involve 874,400 tons of oil products which the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia cannot supply from its own production and which will be used as heating oil for 4,000 health institutions, about 8,000 kindergartens, schools and higher education institutions as well as for a large number of organizations concerned with the care of children, youth and elderly people. These quantities of oil products also include the required quantities for heating apartments connected to centrally heated facilities that cannot be transformed to use other types of fuel and for centres accommodating over 500,000 refugees (men, women and children) from war-torn areas. The quantities described above will also be utilized for the most essential needs of the food-processing industry that cannot use other types of fuel in the production process. Furthermore, they will also meet the needs of ambulance, fire brigades and Red Cross services. Finally, they will be used to ensure normal operations of foreign diplomatic missions.

In submitting its request to the Security Council for approval of the import of the quantities of oil products above, the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has expressed its full readiness to cooperate with the United Nations in overseeing their use, and it will give assurances that they will not be utilized for any other purposes. Confident that the Security Council will give consideration to the request from the Yugoslav Government in accordance with the measures it has taken to eliminate the causes for the imposition of sanctions, I would request Your Excellency to undertake the necessary steps to adopt an appropriate decision to this effect as soon as possible.

(Signed) Milan PANIĆ